League/Conference Officers Meeting Summary
October 20, 2016

Attendees:
Tim Gillen          Joe Piro          Giancarlo Riotto
Rich Shello        Mike McGhee       Joe McColgan
Todd Van Orden     Jean Marie Seal  Jerry Maietta
Stan Fryczynski    Steve Gazdek     Ken Schoudt
Ron Hamrick        Bud Kowal         Gus Kalikas
Keith Lister       Brad Bauer       John Maggio
Sean Dowling       Jamy Thomas       Rich Roche
Steve Fortis       Steve Jenkins     Ron Becker
                      Mike Wolfthal

★ Sportsmanship Banners: Each conference received their banners for the 2015-2016 school year and a handheld was provided with a list of the schools that will be receiving a banner.

★ Steve opened up the meeting with introductions of all the directors and attendees.

Conference Topics

1. Wrestling Hydration: In the past the wrestling hydration was done at certain sites and training sessions were done at the NJSIAA. New athletic trainer’s want to know how to get certified. The NJSIAA will provide a contact person for your area so that your athletic trainer can be trained and certified in the wrestling hydration. A question was asked on the possibility of regional testing? Steve Timko informed the committee that the NJSIAA does not dictate how it’s done.

2. 3 Man Soccer Crews – NJSIAA Approval Certification: The NJSIAA cannot guarantee that 3 officials will be available for any games played prior to 6pm. A request can be made but may not be fulfilled. Tournament games that are held at 2pm will have 2 officials present. If a tournament game is held after 6pm a request can be made for 3 officials.

★ SEC – Steve Jenkins – Joe Piro: Soccer – Clock Operation
A question was brought up as to who holds the official time during the game. The officials always run the clock on the field. If an adult is running the clock, it is considered the official time, if a student is running the clock, it is not an official time. If at any time there is a discrepancy in the time, the official’s time on the field is accurate.

★ Start of Soccer Season in 2017 2 days prior to Tuesday after Labor Day.
The 2017 soccer season is losing 4 days due to the Jewish Holidays. In order to implement the new date it will require a waiver for next season submitted by either a conference or member school.
Steven J. Timko Report

• Executive Committee Meeting Update
  o Review of FY 2015-2016 Audit Results – Presented by Colleen Maguire
    The association’s total revenues increased by $310,000 while expenses increased by $68,000. The revenue increase was primarily due to the broadcast/media contracts that were new to the FY15-16 as well as increased gate receipts, citing favorable weather and match-ups for the Football championships.
  o Paul Anzano’s Legislative update was provided in a handout. Not many changes, most are not in favor of a bill to include Cheerleading as an interscholastic sport, those involved in the sport want to keep things the same.
  o All sectional meetings have wrapped up. The best attended events were at the Shore, Montclair and Washington Township.
  o Steve briefly went over a few topics brought up at the NFHS Sectional Meeting in Vermont. Some highlighted points at the meeting were effective transgender policies, public/non-public issues and moving some Section 1 states such as NJ and NY, which have more schools, to Section 2 or 4 instead.
  o 2016 Hall of Fame Inductees: Baseball player Al Leiter from Central Regional High School; Boys soccer coach John Millar from Kearny High School; Baseball, Football and Track/Field Athlete Dr. Dave Sime* from Fair Lawn High School; Basketball player Ron “Itchy” Smith from Camden High School; Football coach Edward J. Stinson from Hoboken High School; Basketball player Milt Wagner from Camden High School. *Posthumous Award
  o The NFHS is launching the “My Reason Why” Campaign. For more information please visit https://www.nfhs.org/MyReasonWhy The NFHS believes that there are countless benefits of high school sports and activities that extend beyond the four corners of the field and walls of the auditorium—from lifelong lessons in hard work, perseverance and teamwork to leadership skills and citizenship.

• Report of Counsel
  o Transfer Case Litigation
  o Delbarton School Update – No decision as of yet
  o Timber Creek HS Update

• New Business
  o Tony Mitchell made a proposal to the executive committee to do away with the North Jersey Football Conference power points. The vote was denied 35 to 2.
  o Stan Fryczynski addressed a question from his conference as to opposing using tennis officials. Steve Timko recently attended a tennis match where officials served a purpose in handling a few close calls and having them at the meet is necessary.

• Old Business
  o A handout was provided with the hosts for the wrestling districts and regions.

Kim DeGraw Cole Report – Absent

• A handout was provided in Kim’s absence pertaining to Tennis, Field Hockey and website updates.
• Field Hockey Tournament cutoff date was October 18, 2016 and the seeding was currently underway at the time of this meeting.
• A list of the 2016 Women’s Team Tennis Tournament Sectional Finalists was provided. The Tournament of Champions will be held on October 26, 2016 at the Garden State Tennis Center.
• Swimming Rules Committee Recommendation going to program review committee. There is still an issue with regards to schools/teams not entering results and first place times at njschoolsports.com.
First Offense: Notification by Kim DeGraw Cole to school. Second Offense: Fine of $150.00. Third Offense: Removal from the Tournament. This will be discussed with the Program Review Committee. 2nd reading will be held in November.

- Softball 2017 Change in the Rules and Regulations: While a school is competing in the State Tournament, it may schedule teams entered in the tournament one (1) scrimmage during any week in which it has only (1) or (2) scrimmages during any week in which there are no games. These scrimmages will not count in the total number of allowable games.
- Girls Lacrosse Program Review – Classification 2017 – There will now be 4 sections, North I, North II, Central and South with 4 groups (13 or 14 teams in each section) State Semi-Finals will be held on either Tuesday/Wednesday May 30 or 31, 2016. (Depend on sites and schedule-neutral) North I vs. North II; Central vs. South.

Bill Bruno Report – Absent

- A handout was provided with the 2016 Cross Country Schedule which includes all sites, times and contacts. Please be advised that the deadline for cross country entries is October 19, 2016. Please remember to update nj.milesplit.com with your entries. You must do both!
- The NJSCA Hall of Fame nomination form was provided and must be returned by January 20, 2017. No applications will be accepted after January 20, 2017. The criteria for selecting candidates was also provided. Any questions please contact Bill Bruno at bbruno@njsiaa.org
- The NFHS 2016 State Coach of the Year list was provided. For a coach to be recognized, his/her information must be entered on www.nfhs.org/coachawards/

Al Stumpf Report

- Boys and Girls Soccer cutoff date is October 22, 2016. The Tournament Refusal Form must be completed by October 22, 2016. The seeding will take place on October 26, 2016. Please be sure to update njschoolsports.com with your completed rosters and team information.
- A handout of the schools participating in the 2016-2017 High School Unified Sports Program was distributed.
- Al provided a handout which went over the Unified Sports Guidelines for 2016-2017. The handout included the NJSIAA Unified Sports Basketball and Bowling Rules and Regulations. Track and Bowling will be included this year as part of the unified program. For the 2016-2017 year the Bowling Tournament will be held on the same date as the NJSIAA State Tournament. Track has had a tremendous amount of feedback for participation. We are looking to include a 4x100; 4x200; Shot Put and Relays. If the numbers increase we will run the Meet of Champions in the same way the regular season is ran.
- The Shriver Cup (Soccer) will be held at Mercer County Park on October 30, 2016 at 10:30am. Any questions or concerns please contact Al at astumpf@njsiaa.org
- The Program Review Committee is discussing the possibility of a golf early opener on March 31, 2017. The extension will hopefully provide the golfers with better weather and will extend the season to June 9, 2017.
- Al suggested that any schools hosting unified sports events at track meets should run them as their first event.
Jack DuBois Report

- Important Football dates to remember. Football cards are due on Monday, October 24, 2016. Football seeding will take place on November 6, 2016. 1st Round of playoffs will be held on November 11, 2016 and November 12, 2016.
- The 2016 Boys and Girls Soccer Sites/Dates were provided in a handout.
- A list of the 2016 NJSIAA Sports Awards was provided. Bill Edelman from Vernon Township High School is the Award of Honor, he is retiring at the end of December and this award is well deserved.
- Update on Cooperative Sports Issues -
  - “Tri-School” Co-op was approved at Executive Committee Meeting in Ice Hockey between Edison/JP Stevens/Metuchen for this year.
  - In February of 2017 a proposal will be reviewed by the policy committee establishing Co-op procedures. The following proposed recommendations will be made, a new application process will have 3 separate application due dates as follows: Fall – May 15th; Winter – November 15th – Spring – February 15th. DQ Co-op teams. Who/which schools get the disqualification? Co-op Jerseys/Uniforms will include both schools names. These items have not been approved as of yet. The final decision will be made in February.
- Approved Cooperative Programs are as follows:
  o Camden HS/Woodrow Wilson HS – Wrestling
  o Edison/JPS/Metuchen HS – Ice Hockey
- Boys Lacrosse Classifications – The Lacrosse Committee is proposing a pilot program as to the Boys Lacrosse Classifications from sectional championships to statewide group championships.

Colleen Maguire Report

- As of today all 436 member schools are up to date on any necessary paperwork that needed to be submitted to the office at this time. 11 schools will not be participating in the Fall Tournaments.
- Updated Winter Classifications will be posted next week, the updates will insert new member schools and not cause any schools to change their current classification.
- The NJSIAA is hosting a workshop on Wednesday, November 16th, in conjunction with Atlantic Sports Health..."Avoiding Misuse of Opiate Pain Medication in the Athlete". Please spread the word to the schools in your conference, this is a free clinic. To register please visit the NJSIAA Home Page and click on the link under Latest News "Avoiding Misuse of Opiate Pain Medication in Athlete" Workshop.

Larry White Report – Absent

- 2016-2017 New Basketball Rules was provided in a handout.
- A handout was provided with detailed information pertaining to Gymnastics and Volleyball.
- Important Dates to Remember:
  Gymnastics - November 5, 2016 Sectional Tournaments followed by state championship tournaments on November 10 and 12, 2016.
  Volleyball – Seeding Committee will meet on October 26. Sectional Finals on November 12, Group Finals November 14. The Tournament of Champions will be held at William Paterson University on November 19 and 20.
Mike Zapicchi Report

- Compliance monitors are out making their visits. Please notify me of any new athletic director’s in your Conference. It is important to keep this information up to date. Please email me at mzapicchi@njsiaa.org
- The NJSIAA Constitution revisions have been made. The major changes involve bringing the language up to date and removing any unnecessary information. In November I plan on reviewing the changes one section at a time with the executive committee. Upon approval by the executive committee I will update the League & Conference Officers.

The next League & Conference Meeting will be held on
Thursday, November 17, 2016